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**RESPONSE**

In reply to the Office Action dated July 18, 2002, the period of response to which extends through October 18, 2002, without extensions, please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel claims 13-16, 28-31, and 43-47.

Please amend claims 22-27 and 48 to read as follows: